

modified so as to make the vendors also liable and that the working of the new law may be tried for some time before attempting to alter it.

*Reply of Government.*—The Regulation provides sufficient protection. The responsibility of the licensee cannot be eliminated.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Excise shop rent.

Mr. Lingappa, Chitaldrug municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—Formerly toddy contractors were allowed to pay the shop-rent of a month by the 10th of the succeeding month. Now they have to pay the shop-rent within the 20th of the same month. If they pay after the 20th and within the close of the month, they have to pay interest. If they do not pay by the end of the month the shop is liable to be re-sold. This has caused great hardship to the contractors. The old rules may be revived.

*Reply of Government.*—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Payments of excise revenue to inamdars.

Mr. Madappa, Mysore taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Excise Revenue of inam villages has not been paid to inamdars since the year 1897. Though several representations were made in this matter, no action seems to have been taken on the plea that Rule 13 of the rules of 1901 requires to be revised. To collect the amount due to Government from inamdars, coercive measures are adopted. To redress their long-standing grievance Rule 13 may be revised early.

*Reply of Government.*—Under consideration of Government. Will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Leasing out toddy shops.

Messrs. Narayana Setti and Sri-kantiah, Maddagiri taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Auction sales of toddy shops which are held every year may be abolished, and a system of leasing them out for amounts varying between two fixed limits may be introduced. If this suggestion commends itself, sales may be held once in five years.

*Reply of Government.*—The experiment of triennial leases now in force in some taluks is under trial.

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SUBJECT No. 143.

Roads.

Messrs. Venkatasubbannachar, Thammiahbhatta and Rama Rao, Tirthahalli taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—As roads have deteriorated, it is prayed that steps may be taken towards restoring them to good condition.

The road between Shimoga and Tirthahalli is in a very bad state. This is due to the use of the traction engine. The Forest Department should be required to contribute towards the repair of the road.

*Mr. Channakesaviah.*—The 7th to 10th mile section of the Chitaldrug-Holalkere road is now almost impassable.